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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the second paragraph on page 1 of the specification and replace the same with the following paragraph.

The invention provides a flower box assembly comprising an inner box and ~~an~~ first inner box holder, the inner box having a bottom wall and at least one closed sidewall, such that it is at least partly fillable with water, the first inner box holder having at least one sidewall and an open lower side and upper side, the inner box being provided with means with the aid of which the inner box is detachably connectible with the inner box holder.

Please delete the fourth paragraph on page 1 of the specification and replace the same with the following paragraph.

According to a further elaboration of the invention, the assembly is provided with a second inner box holder, wherein the inner box is placed in the second inner box holder, wherein the second inner box holder is subsequently pulled up alongside the inner box, wherein the assembly thus formed is placed on the first inner box holder, such that the second inner box holder rests on an upper side of the first inner box holder ~~inner box holder and the inner box can be so designed that onto an assembly of an inner box holder and an inner box, a second inner box holder is placeable in inverted position, the downwardly directed upper side of the second inner box engaging an upper side of the inner box, or the upper side of the first inner box holder.~~

Please delete the last paragraph on page 1 of the specification and replace the same with the following paragraph.

~~The inner box holder then has a double function. On the one hand,~~
~~†The~~ first inner box holder can form a stable holder for an inner box,

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so that falling over of the inner box is prevented by the stable inner box holder. ~~On the other hand, Also, the first an inner box holder can form a stable support for an assembly of an inner box and a second inner box holder. , when placed in inverted position on an assembly of an inner box holder and an inner box, Then, the second inner box holder~~ can constitute a protection for the cut flowers projecting above the upper side of the inner box.

Please insert the following paragraph after the last paragraph at the bottom of page 1 of the specification.

According to a further elaboration of the invention, the first inner box holder can differ from the second inner box holder. However, it is also possible that the first and second inner box holder are configured in the same way.

Please delete the first paragraph on page 2 of the specification and replace the same with the following paragraph.

~~To afford a third function to the inner box container,~~
According to a further elaboration of the invention, the inner box holder may be so designed that onto the second inner box holder, a third first inner box holder is placeable, with its upper side directed upwards, such that, in turn, an inner box is receivable in it.

Please insert the following paragraphs after the last paragraph at the bottom of page 2 of the specification.

The invention also provides a method for handling a flower box assembly according to the invention, wherein an inner box is placed in a second inner box holder, wherein subsequently the second inner box holder is pulled up alongside the inner box, and is subsequently

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placed with the inner box on a first inner box holder, such that the inner box extends substantially within the contours of the first inner box holder and that the second inner box holder protects the content of the inner box.

According to a further elaboration of the method according to the invention, at a suitable moment -for example before or after the second inner box holder is pulled up- the inner box can be filled with flowers.

In a thus formed assembly the content of the inner box is protected by the second inner box holder. Besides, the second inner box holder can serve as an aid for carrying the inner box by hand. Particularly when the second inner box holder is provided with handgrips, the assembly of an inner box and an inner box holder can be readily held by the handgrips.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 7 and ending at the top of page 8 of the specification and replace the same with the following paragraph.

As is clearly visible in Figs. 13 and 15, the inner box holder 104' can further be used in an inverted second position to hold the inner box 103. In that case, the circumferential projection 108 of the inner box 103 rests on the upwardly facing underside 112b of the upper edge 112 of the inner box holder 104', so that the inner box 103 extends substantially under the inner box holder 104'. The inner box holder 104' can thus serve, for instance, as an aid for carrying the inner box 103 by hand, to which end the inner box holder 104' can be readily held by the handgrips 122. In addition, the inner box holder 104' in the inverted position shown in Fig. 13 can afford protection to the contents of the inner box 103 extending under it and/or constitute an extension of the sidewalls 106 of the inner box 103. The position of the assembly represented in Fig. 13 can be simply achieved by placing the inner box 103 in the inverted inner box holder 104'.

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and subsequently pulling up the inner box holder 104' alongside the inner box 103 until the circumferential projection 108 of the inner box 103 rests on the underside 112b of the upper edge 112 of the inner box holder 104'.

Please delete the first full paragraph on page 8 of the specification and replace the same with the following paragraph.

As Figs. 13-15 show, the inner box 103 of the second exemplary embodiment, in particular at the corners adjacent the upper side, is provided with a number of engagement means, in particular vertical clamping projections 120, to engage the inner box holder 104' in the position of the assembly 102 shown in Fig. 13. Preferably, the engagement means 120 are arranged to retain the inner box holder 104' with an engagement force that is greater than the weight of the inner box holder 104, so that the inner box holder 104' can easily preserve the position shown in Fig. 12. The engagement means mentioned can be designed in different ways and comprise, for instance, clamping means, snap means or the like. In addition, the inner box 103 and/or the inner box holder 104 may for instance be provided with such engagement means.